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4 November 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR: Undergraduate Scholar Program Manager
Office of Personnel

FROM:
Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

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SUBJECT: FBIS Undergraduate Scholar Requirements

REFERENCE: Memorandum to Undergraduate Scholar Program Manager
dated 27 August 1987

1. The reference outlines our requirements for the Undergraduate Scholar Program. I want to re-emphasize our strong desire to participate in this program starting with the next cycle. We will provide you with any assistance that you may need to help us achieve this objective.

2. Our plans in this area are most strongly endorsed by the DDS&T, Mr. Hineman, and have the full support of all senior managers in FBIS.

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August 27, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Undergraduate Scholar Program Manager

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Chief, Production Group, FBIS

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FROM:

Chairman, Production Group Recruitment Task Force

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SUBJECT: FBIS Undergraduate Scholar Requirements

1. Per our conversation on 13 August, I am sending you FBIS/Production Group's requirements for the Undergraduate Scholar Program.

2. FBIS/Production Group hires people with strong reading knowledge of one or more foreign languages to monitor developments in the foreign press. We particularly need applicants fluent in critical, non-European languages such as Russian, Chinese, Arabic and Japanese. Applicants for the Undergraduate Scholar Program in FBIS must therefore have an aptitude for and interest in foreign languages, demonstrated by high achievement in foreign language classes or high scores on a language aptitude test. Since it will probably prove difficult to locate high school students or college freshmen with non-European language skills, we will consider students who have studied more common European languages (French, Spanish) and are willing to learn Russian, Chinese, Arabic, or Japanese.

3. Applicants should also be interested in international affairs or a discipline such as science, economics, political science or history. Because work in Production Group involves a great deal of reading and some writing, applicants should be interested primarily in intellectual pursuits rather than applied or people-oriented activities. They should also have a good command of written English.

4. Based on our experience with the Program this year, we suggest that all applicants be briefed on the program and our interest in non-European languages before they come to FBIS for an interview. We will be glad to provide language tests if you consider these appropriate.

5. I am attaching a recruitment flyer that describes the work of a foreign language officer in FBIS. Although written for regular applicants, it may be helpful in describing job options to undergraduate scholar candidates.

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cc: D/FBIS